

IMPORTANT COONAVIRUS / COVID 19 UPDATE

Provision of care for the children of key workers, children with social care support or those with Education Health care plans

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to let you know that we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with Education Health Care Plans. We will be open on Monday 23rd March for this group of children.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. In order to plan our next steps, we need to identify which of our children would qualify for this provision. This morning we have been calling families to seek this information to help us to plan for how many children will be coming in. The school will be open from 7.45am for breakfast club which will be free. The main school day starts as normal and finishes at 3.30pm.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text – please keep up to date during the closure by checking the school website regularly for updates.

What should my child do when they are at home?

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. There are activities and links to remote learning resources which will be uploaded to the school website and updated regularly:

<https://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/learning/>

There is a guidance document on the website and it is also attached as part of the email sent out on Parent Pay. We will also be handing out work packs to children so those of you without access to the internet can still learn. These packs will be kept in the dining room of the school so if you wish to come and collect one next week you can. You can also pick them up for parents of other children.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.



We will let you know about planned events for the summer when we are able to reopen. Y6 SATS have been cancelled by the government and so children will not be taking part in these assessments.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. Remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS 111 online.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cal Shaw', written in a cursive style.

Cal Shaw
Headteacher